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5	-against-	United States Courthouse
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18	(Closed courtroom, sealed proceedings.)	
19	THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Criminal cause for	
20	pleading, Docket Number 18-CR-439, USA versus John Doe.	
21	Counsel, please state your appearances for the	
22	record.	
23	MS. KASULIS: On behalf of the United States,	
24	Jacquelyn Kasulis and Drew Rolle for the U.S. Attorney's	
25	Office in the Eastern District of New York.	

	SEALED PROCEEDINGS 3	
1	THE COURT: Good morning, Counsel.	
2	MR. ROLLE: Good morning, Judge.	
3	MS. KASULIS: We also have Jennifer Ambuehl and	
4	Mary Ann McCarthy and Woo Lee, W-O-O; L-E-E, from the Money	
5	Laundering and Asset Recovery Section of the Criminal	
6	Division. And then we have Kate Nielsen from the Fraud	
7	Section of the Criminal Division.	
8	THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.	
9	MS. KASULIS: Good morning, Your Honor.	
10	THE COURT: Good morning, everyone.	
11	MR. O'NEILL: Robert O'Neill for the Defendant Tim	
12	Leissner.	
13	THE COURT: Good morning.	
14	Good morning, Mr. Leissner.	
15	THE DEFENDANT: Good morning, Your Honor.	
16	MR. O'NEILL: Also present are two attorneys that	
17	I am also working with, Eugene Sullivan and Eugene	
18	Sullivan, II.	
19	MR. SULLIVAN: Good morning.	
20	MR. SULLIVAN, II: Good morning, Your Honor.	
21	THE COURT: Good morning to you all.	
22	And as I indicated, you can remain seated	
23	throughout the proceedings.	
24	MR. O'NEILL: Sure. Thank you.	
25	THE COURT: Okay. As I understand it,	

SEALED PROCEEDINGS 4 1 Mr. Leissner -- is that how you pronounce your name? 2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: -- that you are going to waive 4 indictment and plead guilty to a two-count information. 5 Is that correct? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 6 7 THE COURT: All right. So I am going to have her administer the oath to you. 8 9 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Would you please raise your 10 right hand. 11 TIM LEISSNER, called as a witness having been 12 13 first duly sworn/affirmed, was examined and 14 testified as follows: THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: Please state and spell your 15 name for the record. 16 17 THE DEFENDANT: It's Tim Leissner, T-I-M, 18 L-E-I-S-S-N-E-R. 19 THE COURT: Thank you. Please be seated, Mr. Leissner. 20 21 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Your Honor. 22 THE COURT: I want to make sure you understand 23 that now that you are under oath, if you answer any of my 24 questions falsely, you could face another prosecution for 25 perjury or for making a false statement.

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1	Do you understand?	
2	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.	
3	THE COURT: Okay. And how old are you,	
4	Mr. Leissner?	
5	THE DEFENDANT: Forty-eight.	
6	THE COURT: All right. How far did you get in	
7	school?	
8	THE DEFENDANT: I got a Ph.D. at the end, a	
9	doctorate. I have a Master's Degree and Bachelor's in	
10	business.	
11	THE COURT: All right. So you are quite educated.	
12	And you speak and understand English, correct?	
13	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, Your Honor.	
14	THE COURT: Counsel, have you been able to	
15	communicate with your client in English?	
16	MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Your Honor.	
17	THE COURT: You do not have to stand. I know it	
18	is	
19	MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Your Honor.	
20	THE COURT: the natural reaction, but you can	
21	remain seated in the courtroom unless there is a jury.	
22	MR. O'NEILL: Thank you.	
23	THE COURT: Mr. Leissner, are you currently or	
24	have you recently been under the care of a doctor or a	
25	psychiatrist?	

6 SEALED PROCEEDINGS THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: No, Your Honor, I have not. 1 2 THE COURT: Are you currently or have you recently 3 been treated or hospitalized for any type of addiction, 4 including drug or alcohol addiction? THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: No, Your Honor, I have not. 5 THE COURT: Have you taken any drugs, medicine, or 6 7 pills --8 THE DEFENDANT: No. 9 THE COURT: -- or had any alcoholic beverages within the last 48 hours? 10 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: No, Your Honor, I have not 11 even had a drink. 12 13 THE COURT: Not even a drink? 14 THE DEFENDANT: Right. THE COURT: Okay. Is your mind clear today? 15 16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 17 THE COURT: And do you understand what is 18 happening today? 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Okay. You have been charged in a 21 two-count information. 22 Have you had a chance to review that information? 23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I have with my 24 counsel. 25 THE COURT: And do you understand that the charges

are conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and conspiracy to commit money laundering?

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THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I understand.

THE COURT: Because these are felony crimes, you have a constitutional right to be charged by way of an indictment by a grand jury, but you can waive that right and instead consent to be charged by the United States Attorney by way of an information. Instead of an indictment, these felony charges against you have been brought by way of an information by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Unless you waive indictment, you may not be charged with a felony unless a grand jury finds and returns an indictment and finds that there is probable cause to charge you. If you do not waive indictment, the Government may present the case to the grand jury and the grand jury, they might or they might not indict you. A grand jury, as I am sure your lawyers have explained to you, is comprised of at least 15, but not more than 23 persons and at least 12 of them would have to vote to indict you.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: They would have to find that there is probable cause to believe that you have committed the two crimes.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, and I understand.

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THE COURT: If you waive indictment by the grand jury, the case will proceed against you by way of the information charged by the U.S. Attorney as though you had been indicted.

Have you discussed the matter of waiving your right to indictment by a grand jury with your attorneys?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I have.

THE COURT: And do you understand your right to have an indictment returned by the grand jury?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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THE COURT: Have any threats or promises been made to you to induce you to waive indictment?

THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor, they have not.

THE COURT: Do you wish to waive your right to indictment by a grand jury?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Counsel, do you see any reason why your client should not waive indictment?

MR. O'NEILL: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. I have before me a Waiver of Indictment. May I have the parties please sign it.

There you go.

MS. KASULIS: We have it --

THE COURT: Is there one that is already signed?

MS. KASULIS: We do have one, Your Honor.

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THE COURT: Okay. Can you show it to Mr. Leissner so I can confirm that that is actually his signature?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, that's my signature.

THE COURT: Okay. So I will sign this order.

I find that the Waiver of Indictment is knowingly and voluntarily made and I accept it.

Here you go.

So now I am going to arraign you on the charges in the information. I have already told you what they are, the two conspiracy charges, and you have informed me, Mr. Leissner, that you have reviewed a copy of the information with your attorney.

Counsel, would you like me to read the information to your client or do you waive the read-in?

MR. O'NEILL: Your Honor, we waive the read-in.

THE COURT: Okay.

Now, Mr. Leissner, because of your wish to plead guilty to the two counts of the information, I need to ask you a number of questions. This is a serious decision and I need to ensure myself that you are making this decision knowingly and voluntarily. I am going to also explain certain rights to you. With regard to the questions if at any time you do not understand my questions, let me know and I will reword the question. If at any time you need to

10 SEALED PROCEEDINGS consult with your lawyers, let me know and I will take a 1 2 break for you to do that. 3 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: I remind you that you are still under oath. 5 THE DEFENDANT: 6 Yes. 7 THE COURT: And so you must answer my questions truthfully. 8 9 Mr. -- I am not sure which lawyer I should refer 10 to you. Is it you --MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Your Honor. 11 12 THE COURT: -- do I address you with the 13 questions? 14 MR. O'NEILL: Yes. THE COURT: Okay. Tell me your name again, 15 please, sir. 16 17 MR. O'NEILL: O'Neill. 18 THE COURT: Mr. O'Neill. Okay. 19 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: All right. Mr. O'Neill, have you 21 discussed the matter of pleading guilty with your client? 22 MR. O'NEILL: I have, Your Honor. 23 THE COURT: Does he understand the rights he would 24 be waiving by pleading guilty? 25 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Your Honor. We went over the

11 SEALED PROCEEDINGS rules and the colloquy. 1 2 THE COURT: Okay. Is he capable of understanding 3 the nature of these proceedings? 4 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Judge. THE COURT: Do you have any doubt as to 5 Mr. Leissner's competence to plead at this time? 6 7 MR. O'NEILL: None whatsoever, Your Honor. THE COURT: Have you advised him of the maximum 8 9 and minimum sentence and fine that can be imposed, as well 10 as the forfeiture allegations in the information? 11 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Judge. We went over all the 12 applicable benefits. 13 THE COURT: And have you discussed with him the 14 effect of the sentencing guidelines? 15 MR. O'NEILL: I have, Your Honor. We have not 16 come to a complete computation, for obvious reasons. 17 explained to him the whole sentencing process, that 18 Pretrial Services will get involved, there will be a 19 presentence report, and the Court ultimately makes the 20 determination. He understands the parameters, what the 21 maximums are, what the minimums are, and they can be 22 anywhere in between. 23 THE COURT: Okay. And that Probation, rather than Pretrial would get involved? 24 25 MR. O'NEILL: That's correct, Your Honor.

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12 SEALED PROCEEDINGS misspoke, Judge. THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Leissner, you have reviewed a copy of the information, correct? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I have. I know I have asked you that a number THE COURT: of times. THE DEFENDANT: No, I have reviewed it, correct. THE COURT: So the two charges in the information, I am going to just spend a little bit of time discussing that and the elements of the crime to make sure you understand what it is you are pleading guilty to. THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Your Honor. THE COURT: Count 1 charges that between

January 2009 and October 2014 you, and others, knowingly and willfully conspired to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Count 2 charges that in or about January of 2009 and October of 2014 you, and others, knowingly and intentionally conspired to commit money laundering.

Now, and I know your attorney has gone over this with you, but I am going to try to just explain to you in general terms what these charges mean. The conspiracy, as you know, means that you and at least one other person acted for purposes of committing a crime, and the conspiracies

here charge certain overt acts. In order for the Government to convict you at a trial of conspiracy, and this is just conspiracy generally, they would have to show that two or more persons entered into an unlawful agreement, the agreement that is charged in the information, starting on or about January 2009 and continued through the end of the charge period, which I believe is 2014; that you knowingly and willfully become a member of the conspiracy; that one of the members, it does not have to be you, of the conspiracy knowingly committed at least one of the overt acts charged in the indictment, and there are a number of overt acts charged with regard to Count 1.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Yes, the overt acts are charged with regard to Count 1. And that the overt acts were committed to further some object of the conspiracy. So that is generally the law on conspiracy and what the Government would have to prove at a trial against you.

With regard to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, you are charged under the Antibribery Division, and you are charged both as an issuer, as I understand it, and a domestic concern.

Is that accurate, Counsel?

MS. KASULIS: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. KASULIS: The employee or agent of an issuer under domestic concern.

THE COURT: And so the elements would be the same for both, except they could prove that you are one or the other.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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THE COURT: And to convict you at the trial, the Government would have to prove that you are -- you were an employee or agent of an issuer as charged in the indictment; that you made use of the mail or any other means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, which could be wires also in addition to the mail, in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment of anything of value to either a foreign official or any person with knowledge that all or a portion of such money or thing of value would be offered, given, or promised directly or indirectly to any foreign official; that this was done corruptly and for the purpose of influencing an official act or an official in his official capacity or inducing a foreign official to do or omit an act in violation of that official's lawful duty or securing any improper advantage or inducing the foreign official to use his influence with a foreign government or instrumentality to effect or influence any act or decision of such government or instrumentality, and that the purpose was to

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assist the issuer, you, in obtaining -- well, you as an employee or general of the issuer, obtaining or retaining business for or with or directly in business to any person and that you did all of this willfully.

Do you understand those?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I do understand.

THE COURT: Okay. So that is more or less what the Government would have to prove if it were to go to trial. Again, you are not charged with a substantive crime of violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, you are charged with conspiring to do so. But at a trial, the jury would have to understand what that means in order to determine whether or not you conspired to commit that crime.

Ms. Kasulis?

MS. KASULIS: So in the information we are also alleging violation of 78dd-3.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. KASULIS: Which is not in the elements checklist that we sent over to Your Honor. We apologize for that. To establish dd-3 liability, action needed to be taken within the United States in furtherance of the violation of the FCPA, conspiracy to violate the FCPA, and we have alleged that that prong of the FCPA was also violated, conspiracy to violate it, as set forth in the information, and there were actions taken by Mr. Leissner in

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16 SEALED PROCEEDINGS the United States --1 2 THE COURT: Within the U.S.? 3 MS. KASULIS: Exactly. 4 -- separate and apart from dd-1 and dd-2 liability. 5 THE COURT: Okay. And then you are also charged 6 7 with circumvention of internal controls, and to prove that, 8 the Government would have to show that you somehow 9 circumvented the issuer's internal controls and caused 10 transactions to be executed that were not authorized by the 11 issuer or reported promptly, and you do so knowingly and 12 willfully. 13 Do you understand that? 14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 15 THE COURT: Okay. With regard to the money laundering count, I believe you are charged under two 16 17 different provision, 1956(a)(2)(A) and 1957(a). 18 As to 1956(a)(2)(A), you are charged with 19 attempting -- the elements that the Government would have to 20 prove at trial, they would have to show that you attempted 21 to -- or that you transported, transmitted, or transferred 22 money instruments or funds to or through the United States 23 for the purpose of promoting violations of the 24 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and also the Malaysian Penal 25 Law.

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And then with regard to 1957(a), the Government would have to show that you engaged in or attempted to engage in a monetary transaction in or affecting interstate commerce, and that the monetary transaction involved criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000; that the property was derived from specified unlawful activity, and I believe here the specified unlawful activities in the indictment are the same as I just indicated, violation of the FCPA, and also of the Malaysian Penal Law.

And fourth, that you acted knowingly and with knowledge that the transaction involved proceeds of a criminal offense, and that the transaction took place in the United States, or that you are a United States person.

I believe that covers all of the elements of the two charges in the indictment.

Is that correct, Counsel?

MR. ROLLE: It does, Your Honor. There is one additional theory of liability for the money laundering --

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. ROLLE: -- as recited in Count 2, which is Subsection 1956(a)(2)(B)(i), which we've alleged that these transactions were also done intended in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, and control of the proceedings of the S underlying unlawful

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18 SEALED PROCEEDINGS 1 activity. 2 THE COURT: Okay. 3 MR. ROLLE: And of which are the same SUA's that 4 we've alleged as Your Honor has recounted in the other 5 provision of 1956. THE COURT: 6 Thank you, Counsel. 7 MR. ROLLE: Yes, Your Honor. 8 THE COURT: So do you understand, Mr. Leissner, 9 the elements of the two counts that you wish to plead guilty to? 10 Yes, Your Honor, I understand. 11 THE DEFENDANT: 12 THE COURT: Do you have any questions about them? 13 THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: Okay. 15 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you. 16 THE COURT: Have you had sufficient time to 17 discuss with your attorney whether or not to plead guilty, 18 sir? 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I have. 20 THE COURT: And are you fully satisfied with 21 Counsel's representation and advice given to you by your 22 attorneys in this case? 23 (Pause in proceedings.) 24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I am. 25 THE COURT: Okay.

19 SEALED PROCEEDINGS I thought I would make him sweat a 1 THE DEFENDANT: 2 little bit. 3 THE COURT: I'm sorry? 4 THE DEFENDANT: I thought I would make him sweat a little bit for that. 5 THE COURT: Okay. A sense of humor this morning. 6 7 Okay. 8 THE DEFENDANT: I'm sorry. 9 THE COURT: I am now going to explain certain 10 rights that you have, and these are rights that you will be giving up by entering a plea of guilty. You have a right to 11 12 continue to plead not guilty. Even if you are guilty of the 13 charge, you can decide to plead not guilty to these charges 14 and to proceed to trial. No one can be forced to plead guilty. 15 16 Do you understand? 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I understand. 18 THE COURT: Okay. 19 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you. 20 THE COURT: You would have a right under the 21 Constitution and Laws of the United States to a speedy and 22 public trial by a jury. 23 Do you understand? 24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: At the trial you would be presumed to

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1	be innocent and the Government would have to prove you
2	guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
3	Do you understand that?
4	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
5	THE COURT: You have the right to the assistance
6	of counsel for your defense. If you were not able to afford
7	counsel, I would appoint counsel to represent you at every
8	stage of the proceeding.
9	Do you understand that?
10	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
11	THE COURT: At trial, you would have the right to
12	see and hear all witnesses and to have them cross-examined
13	in your defense.
14	Do you understand?
15	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
16	THE COURT: You would have the right on your own
17	part to decline to testify unless you voluntarily elected to
18	do so.
19	Do you understand?
20	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
21	THE COURT: You have the right to compel the
22	attendance of witnesses to testify in your defense.
23	Do you understand?
24	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
25	THE COURT: Should you decide not to testify at a

trial or not to put on any evidence, these facts could not be used against you.

Do you understand?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: By entering a plea of guilty, and if I accept your plea, there will be no trial of any kind and you would have waived and given up your right to a trial as well as those rights associated with the trial as I have just described to you.

Do you understand?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: There will be no further trial of any kind and no right to appeal from the judgment of guilty. I will simply enter a judgment of guilty on the basis of your guilty plea.

Do you understand?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: If you plead guilty, I will have to ask you questions as to what you did in order to satisfy myself that you are, in fact, guilty of the charges. And you will have to answer my questions and acknowledge your guilt. By answering my questions, you will be giving up your right not to incriminate yourself.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

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1	THE COURT: Are you willing to give up your right
2	to trial and all those rights that I have just discussed by
3	pleading guilty?
4	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
5	THE COURT: You are pleading pursuant to an
6	agreement with the Government.
7	Does someone have the original agreement?
8	MS. KASULIS: Yes, Your Honor.
9	THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
10	I am having the agreement marked as
11	Court Exhibit 1.
12	(Court's Exhibit Number 1 so marked and received
13	in evidence.)
14	THE COURT: Did you sign this agreement?
15	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I did.
16	THE COURT: Okay. I am going to have my courtroom
17	deputy show you Page 13, and I just need you to confirm that
18	this is your signature above your name?
19	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
20	MS. KASULIS: Your Honor, I also have a fully
21	executed copy of the information
22	THE COURT: Okay.
23	MS. KASULIS: signed by all the parties. I can
24	also hand that up to your deputy.
25	THE COURT: Okay. Sure.

23 SEALED PROCEEDINGS 1 MS. KASULIS: Thank you. 2 THE COURT: And has either document changed from 3 what you sent me yesterday? 4 MS. KASULIS: No, Your Honor. THE COURT: Okay. 5 Thank you. Okay. Did you have an opportunity to read and 6 7 discuss the agreement with your attorneys before you sign 8 it, Mr. Leissner? 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did, Your Honor. 10 THE COURT: And did you understand it before you 11 signed it? 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I did. 13 THE COURT: Did you have sufficient time to review 14 it with your attorneys? 15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: And, Mr. O'Neill, did you have 16 17 sufficient time to review the agreement with your client? 18 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: Mr. Leissner, do you have any 19 20 questions about the agreement? 21 THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor. 22 THE COURT: Okay. 23 THE DEFENDANT: I understand. 24 THE COURT: Does the agreement represent your full 25 understanding of your agreement with the Government,

24 SEALED PROCEEDINGS Mr. Leissner? 1 2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: Has anyone made any promise or 4 assurance that is not in the agreement to persuade you to accept this agreement? 5 No, Your Honor. 6 THE DEFENDANT: 7 THE COURT: Has anyone threatened you in any way 8 to persuade you to accept the agreement? 9 THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor. 10 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty of your own free will because you are guilty? 11 12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: And I know you understand that the 14 charges that you are pleading guilty to are felony offenses, and if I accept them, you will be adjudicated guilty and 15 16 will be deprived of certain valuable civil rights such as 17 the right to vote, the right to hold public office, the 18 right to serve on a jury, and the right to possess a firearm 19 of any kind. 20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 21 THE COURT: I understand that you are not a 22 U.S. citizen. 23 Is that correct? 24 THE DEFENDANT: That's correct, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: And do you understand that your plea

25 SEALED PROCEEDINGS of guilty may affect your residency and your status in the 1 2 United States with immigration authorities? 3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: That you will likely be deported as a result of pleading guilty to these charges? 5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I understand. 6 7 THE COURT: Are you still willing to plead guilty 8 despite these likely immigration consequences? 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 10 THE COURT: Mr. O'Neill, were all formal plea offers from the Government conveyed to Mr. Leissner? 11 12 MR. O'NEILL: Yes, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: Okay. 14 All right. I am going to review certain provisions of the agreement with you to make sure you 15 16 understand the consequences. 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: As to Count 1, pursuant to violate the FCPA, the maximum term of imprisonment is five years with no 19 20 minimum. You also face a maximum supervised release term of 21 three years. 22 Do you understand what that means, that you would 23 be on supervision after serving any time? 24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 25 If you violate your supervision in any THE COURT:

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1	way, you could be sent back to prison for up to two years
2	without any credit for any time already served in custody or
3	on supervision.
4	Do you understand that?
5	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
6	THE COURT: You also face a maximum fine of
7	\$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is
8	greater.
9	Do you understand?
10	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
11	THE COURT: Restitution is mandatory for this
12	count, and you will be required to repay the full amount of
13	the victims' losses as determined at sentencing.
14	Do you understand that?
15	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
16	THE COURT: You also agree to \$43,700,000 in
17	forfeiture as set forth in the agreement in Paragraphs 6
18	through 12.
19	Counsel, I am just going to change F on Page 3
20	where it says Paragraph 6 through 13. I believe that should
21	be 6 through 12.
22	Do you want to just confirm that?
23	MS. KASULIS: Yes, Your Honor, that is correct.
24	THE COURT: Okay.
25	So I set forth in Paragraphs 6 through 12 of the

agreement, you have agreed to that amount in criminal forfeiture.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I do.

THE COURT: You will also be responsible for \$100 special assessment on this count and removal as I have already indicated.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: With regard to Count 2, conspiracy to commit money laundering, there is a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years, no minimum. You also face a maximum supervised release term of three years. If you violate supervision, you could be sent back to jail for up to two years without any credit for time served for supervised time, as I indicated on the other count also.

You also face on this count a maximum fine of \$500,000 or twice the value of the monetary instrument or funds involved in the transfer, whichever is greater. You face restitution also on this count, and the criminal forfeiture agreement is consistent with your criminal forfeiture on the other count.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: And I am going to change this paragraph also so it reads 6 through 12.

You also are responsible for \$100 special assessment on this count, and removal also on this count.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: And I do want to make sure that you understand that because you are pleading guilty to two separate counts, the sentences could be linked to run consecutive so that you can be sentenced to time on one count and the time sentenced on the second count could be made to run in addition to.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

All right. Do you understand these possible consequences of your plea that I have just discussed with you?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Now, under the guidelines, they are advisory but I do have to consider them in determining what is an appropriate sentence in your case. I will also look at a number of factors, such as deterrent factors as I am required to.

Have you discussed with your attorney how the guidelines might define your case?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I cannot determine what your advisory

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guideline range will be at this time. I will not know that until sentencing after, as your attorney indicated, the probation department has prepared a presentence report and you and your attorneys and the Government have had an opportunity to review it and make any objections to the facts or to the calculation. However, the sentence that I ultimately impose may be different from any estimate that you and your attorneys may have given you.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: After the initial advisory guideline range has been determined, I do have the authority to move upward or downward, and I do not have to sentence you within the guideline range.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes. Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Parole has been abolished, and so to the extent you are sentenced to any jail time, you will have to serve that time.

Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Do the parties have an estimate -- at least the Government has an estimate as to what the guideline range would be in this case?

MR. ROLLE: Yes, Your Honor. The guideline

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1 estimate as calculated by the Government is a range of life,

2 and the basis for that is the base offense level pursuant to

 $3 \mid 2S1.1(a)(1)$ is the offense level applicable to the

4 underlying crime here, violations of the FCPA, and that

5 level is 48. That is based on the base offense level of 12,

6 increased by the value of the bribe in this case is more

7 than \$550 million, which increases the base offense level by

30. There is more than one bribe in this case, which

9 increases it by 2. There is an involvement of high level

10 officials, which then increases it by 4, resulting in 48.

Turning to the money laundering, because the

12 defendant was convicted under Section 1956, the offense

13 | level then increases by 2. Since this involved

14 | sophisticated laundering, use of shell companies, so then it

also increased again by 2, resulting in a total offense

16 | level of --

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THE COURT: Slow down. You do not have to race

18 through it.

MR. ROLLE: -- resulting in a --

THE COURT: The reporter has to keep up with you,

21 Mr. Rolle.

MR. ROLLE: Thank you, Your Honor.

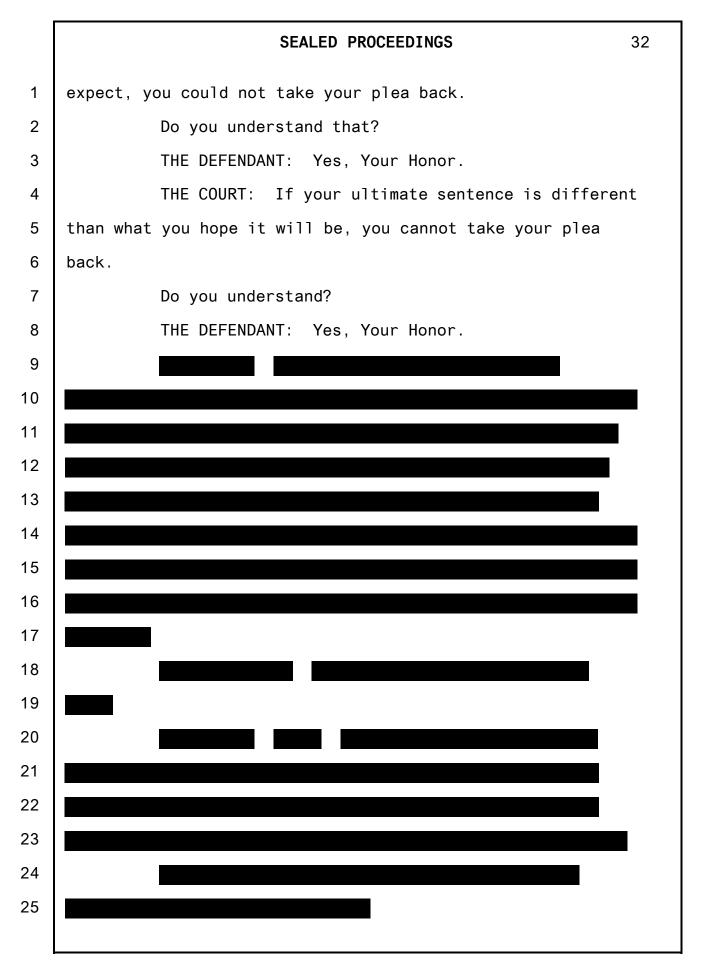
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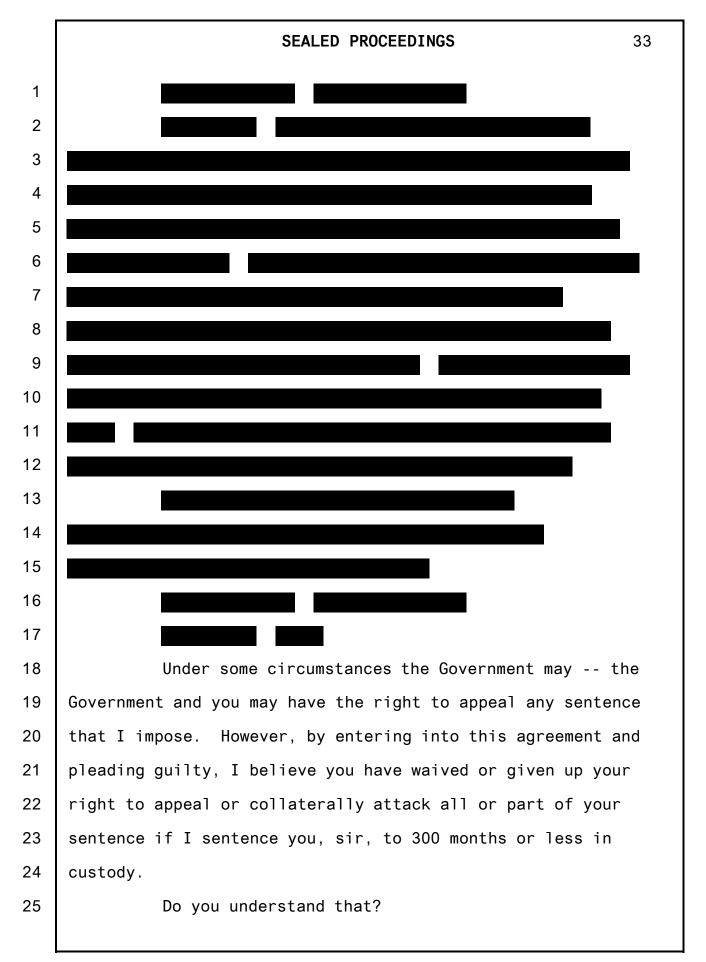
24 | criminal history category of 1 resulting in guidelines range

25 of life.

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31 SEALED PROCEEDINGS THE COURT: 1 Okay. 2 Counsel, Mr. O'Neill, do you agree with the 3 Government's estimate of the guideline range? 4 MR. O'NEILL: That is potentially possible, yes. THE COURT: Pull the mic towards you. You need to 5 pull the mic towards you. 6 7 You are saying that that is potentially possible? MR. O'NEILL: That is potentially possible. 8 9 a potential life sentence if all charges were brought upon 10 Mr. Leissner. THE COURT: 11 Okay. 12 And, Mr. Leissner, do you understand that these 13 estimates could be wrong? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, they could be 14 15 wrong. 16 THE COURT: Okay. And do you understand that 17 there is no guarantee as to the guidelines range for 18 sentencing? 19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I understand. 20 THE COURT: Do you also understand that I have to 21 determine the range and that I am not required to sentence 22 you within the range? 23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 24 THE COURT: If the advisory range in the 25 presentence report is different from the guideline range you





34 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 1 2 THE COURT: Mr. Leissner, do you have any 3 questions about the rights you are giving up, the punishment 4 you face, the nature of the charges, the plea agreement, or anything else that you would like to discuss with the Court 5 at this time? 6 7 THE DEFENDANT: No, I don't, Your Honor. Thank 8 you. 9 THE COURT: Are you ready to plead guilty? THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 10 11 THE COURT: Mr. O'Neill, do you know of any reason 12 why your client should not plead guilty? 13 MR. O'NEILL: No, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: Are you aware of any viable defenses? 15 MR. O'NEILL: None, Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: Mr. Leissner, what is your plea to 17 Count 1 of the indictment charging you with conspiracy to 18 violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, guilty or not 19 guilty? 20 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty. 21 THE COURT: What is your plea to Count 2 of the 22 indictment charging you with conspiracy to commit -- I'm 23 I keep saying "indictment," as my courtroom deputy sorry. 24 just pointed out. You are pleading guilty to information.

> THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

35 SEALED PROCEEDINGS 1 THE COURT: What is your plea to Count 2 of the 2 information charging you with conspiracy to commit money 3 laundering, guilty or not guilty? 4 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty. THE COURT: Are you making the plea of guilty 5 6 voluntarily and of your own free will? 7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. THE COURT: Has anyone threatened or forced you to 8 9 plead guilty? 10 THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor. 11 THE COURT: Other than the agreement with the 12 Government, has anyone made any promises that caused you to 13 plead quilty? 14 No, Your Honor. THE DEFENDANT: THE COURT: Has anyone made any promises as to 15 16 what your sentence will be? 17 THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Okay. So I need you to tell me in 19 your own words what you did to make you guilty of Counts 1 20 and 2, keeping in mind the elements of both crimes as we 21 discussed earlier in the proceeding. 22 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I wrote a statement. 23 THE COURT: Okay. 24 THE DEFENDANT: May I read that? 25 THE COURT: You may.

THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.

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THE COURT: Just read it slowly so that the court reporter can take it all down.

I have read the information filed THE DEFENDANT: by the Government. As described in the information, I was an employee of Goldman Sachs - Asia, LLC between approximately 2011 and 2016, as well as of other public subsidiaries of Goldman Sachs, which is identified as U.S. Financial Institution Number 1 in the information. At all times, I was an agent of Goldman Sachs and was a participating managing director of Goldman Sachs. At all times concerning the 1MDB business that Goldman Sachs conducted with 1MDB between 2009 and 2014, and which is described in the information, including the negotiation and execution of three bond deals and other transactions, I acted on behalf of, and within the scope of my employment and agency of, Goldman Sachs to acquire and execute the 1MDB transaction in business --

THE COURT: Slow down.

Let me ask you one question.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Did you say that you were employed at Goldman Sachs from 2011 to 2016?

THE DEFENDANT: I was employed during that time at Goldman Sachs, but I actually started employment at

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Goldman Sachs much earlier. But, yes, I was employed during that time.

THE COURT: I only asked because you are allocuting to conduct from 2009 to 2014.

THE DEFENDANT: Correct. I was an employee at Goldman Sachs from 1998 to 2016. That's the whole entire employment at Goldman Sachs. Development period for this cause was 2009 through 2014.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

You may continue.

THE DEFENDANT: 1MDB was a strategic investment and development company wholly owned and controlled by the Government of Malaysia. As I understood, 1MDB was created to pursue investment and development projects for the economic benefit of Malaysia and its people. While acting within the scope of my employment and with the intent to benefit Goldman Sachs and myself, as an employee and agent of Goldman Sachs, I entered into a conspiracy with those individuals identified in the Government's information to pay bribes and kickbacks to obtain and then retain business from 1MDB for Goldman Sachs.

THE COURT: Including the person identified as the intermediary who you dealt with who then dealt with --

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

1 THE COURT: -- this entity?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, that's correct.

THE COURT: Okay.

THE DEFENDANT: That individual would be Jho Low that you're referring to, I think, as Conspirator Number 1, Co-Conspirator Number 1 in the information.

THE COURT: All right.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

THE COURT: Please proceed.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

The goal of paying bribes and kickbacks was to influence the government officials to take official action so that Goldman Sachs would receive business from 1MDB. I took part in the process of paying some of these bribes and kickbacks. I also knew that some of the funds that would be used to pay bribes and kickbacks to government officials would move through the U.S. banking system. For instance, I knew that funds derived from Project Magnolia, specifically mentioned in the information, would be diverted to me and others, including government officials, through shell companies beneficially owned and controlled by myself and others in U.S. dollars, and those financial transactions would be processed through the United States. I knew that the use of shell companies in these fund -- these fund transfers was designed, at least in part, to conceal and

disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, and control of the diverted and the stolen funds.

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The following is one specific instance involving the movement of funds: On or about October 10, 2014, I caused approximately \$4.1 million to be wire transferred from a foreign bank account controlled by myself and another individual to the U.S. bank account of a New York jeweler in part to pay for jewelry for the wife of a Malaysian government official. I understood that this payment to the New York jeweler was intended to benefit the Malaysian government official and his wife in order to influence the government official to take official acts that would help provide 1MDB business to Goldman Sachs, for the benefit of Goldman Sachs and myself. During the course of the conspiracy, I conspired with other employees and agents of Goldman Sachs very much in line of its culture of Goldman Sachs to conceal facts from certain compliance and legal employees of Goldman Sachs, including the fact that Jho Low, who is identified as Co-Conspirator Number 1 in the information, was acting as a intermediary for on behalf of Goldman Sachs, 1MDB, and Malaysian and Abu Dhabi officials.

As stated in the information, on one occasion in 2012, I told a committee at Goldman Sachs that Jho Low was not involved in one of the bond transactions. This was not true. I knew that concealing Jho Low's involvement as an

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intermediary was contrary to Goldman Sachs's stated internal policies and procedures. I and several other employees of Goldman Sachs at the time also concealed that we knew that Jho Low was promising and paying bribes and kickbacks to foreign officials to obtain and retain 1MDB business for Goldman Sachs, for the benefit of Goldman Sachs and myself, and using some of the proceeds of the 1MDB bonds to do so. I knew that this was contrary to Goldman Sachs's stated policies and procedures.

As a result of these bribes and kickbacks, and in movement of the funds through the bribes and kickbacks, Goldman Sachs received substantial business from 1MDB. The three bond deals and related transactions resulted in substantial fees and revenues for Goldman Sachs, of which and in many cases, it was very proud of at the time. In addition, I received large year-end bonuses as an employee and agent of Goldman Sachs.

That concludes my statement, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. I believe that covers all of the elements.

Is there anything else the Government would like to add as to any additional evidence it would produce at a trial?

MS. KASULIS: Yes, Your Honor. The Government would be prepared to introduce evidence at trial that would

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41 SEALED PROCEEDINGS show the use of interstate wires in furtherance of the 1 2 schemes, and that those wires passed through the 3 Eastern District of New York, among other sources of 4 evidence establishing venue within the Eastern District, such as travel records and the use of wires by 5 Goldman Sachs's employees in the New York City headquarters 6 7 to communicate regarding the 1MDB bond deals. So those communications additionally were transported through the 8 9 Eastern District of New York. 10 THE COURT: And I take it that Mr. Leissner would 11 waive any venue and to the extent that there was a challenge 12 to venue in this case? 13 THE DEFENDANT: I'm sorry. Let me just ask a 14 question. 15 THE COURT: Sure. 16 (Pause in proceedings.) 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I understand. 18 THE COURT: That even though it appears most of the conduct took place in the Southern District of New York, 19 20 the Government's argument is that the use of interstate wire 21 is sufficient for venue in the Eastern District of New York. 22 But to the extent that there are any issues, that you would 23 waive challenge to venue --24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor. 25 THE COURT: -- and agree to venue here in the

Eastern District of New York?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor, I would agree to that.

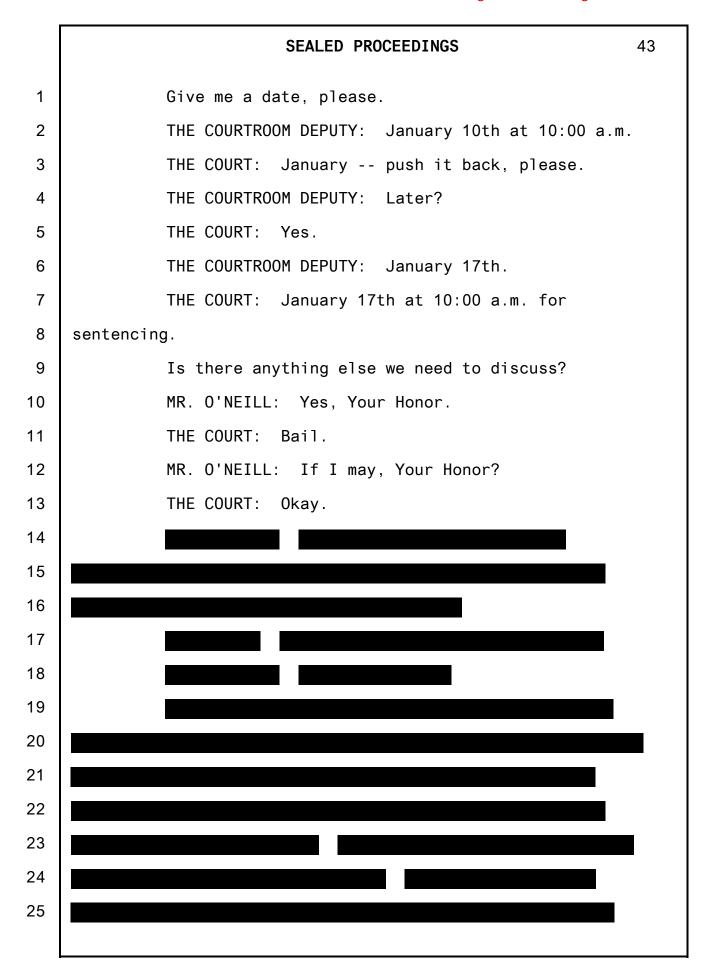
THE COURT: All right.

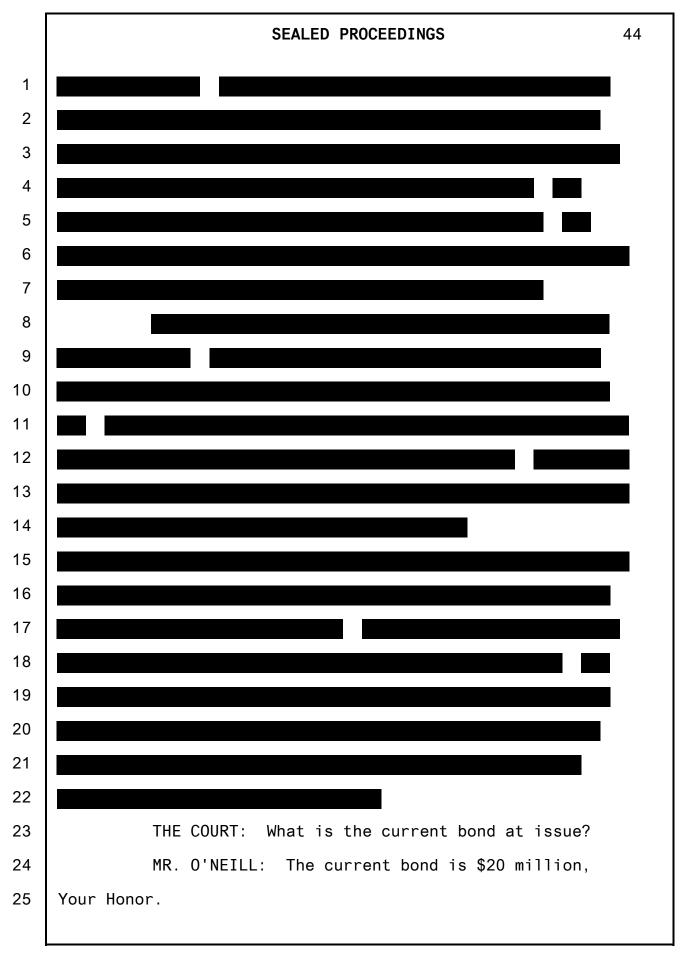
All right. Is there anything else that I need to ask Mr. Leissner?

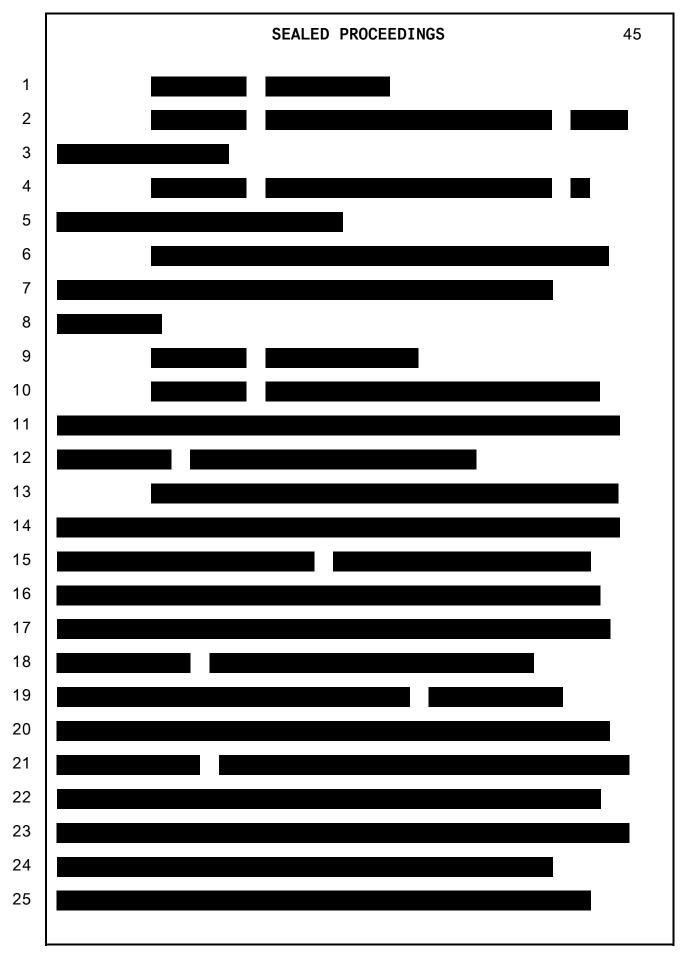
MS. KASULIS: No, Your Honor.

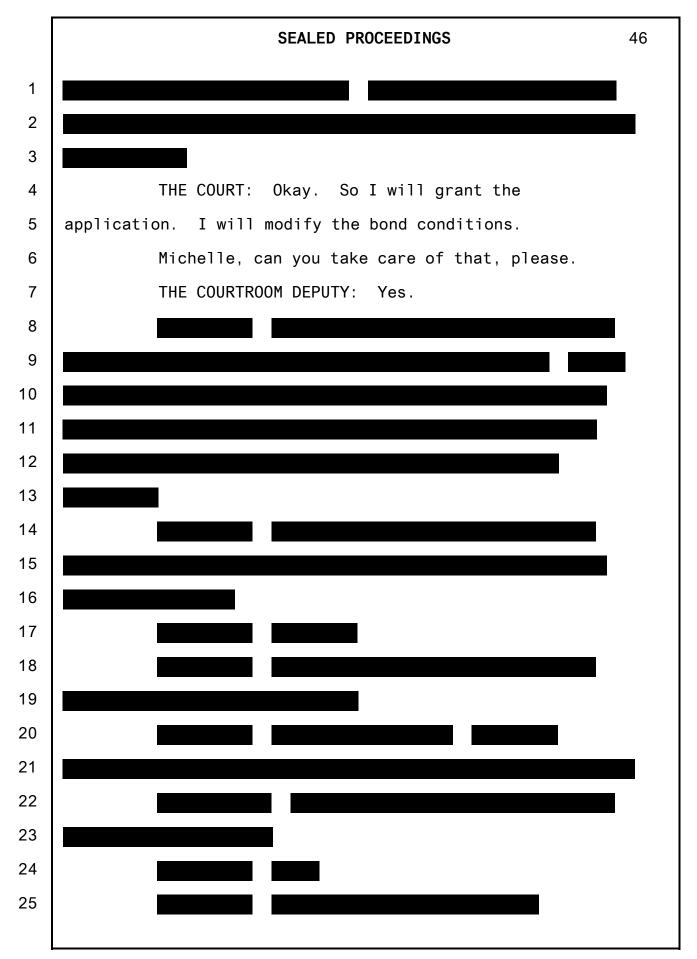
THE COURT: Okay. Based on the information given to me, my observation of Mr. Leissner and his demeanor here in the courtroom, representation of Counsel, and information from the Government, I find that you are fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea; that you are aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of pleading guilty; and that the plea of guilty here to both counts of the information is knowingly and voluntary and it is also supported by an independent basis, in fact, containing the essential elements of the offense, and so I, therefore, accept the plea of guilty to both counts of the information, and I adjudicate you guilty of both offenses.

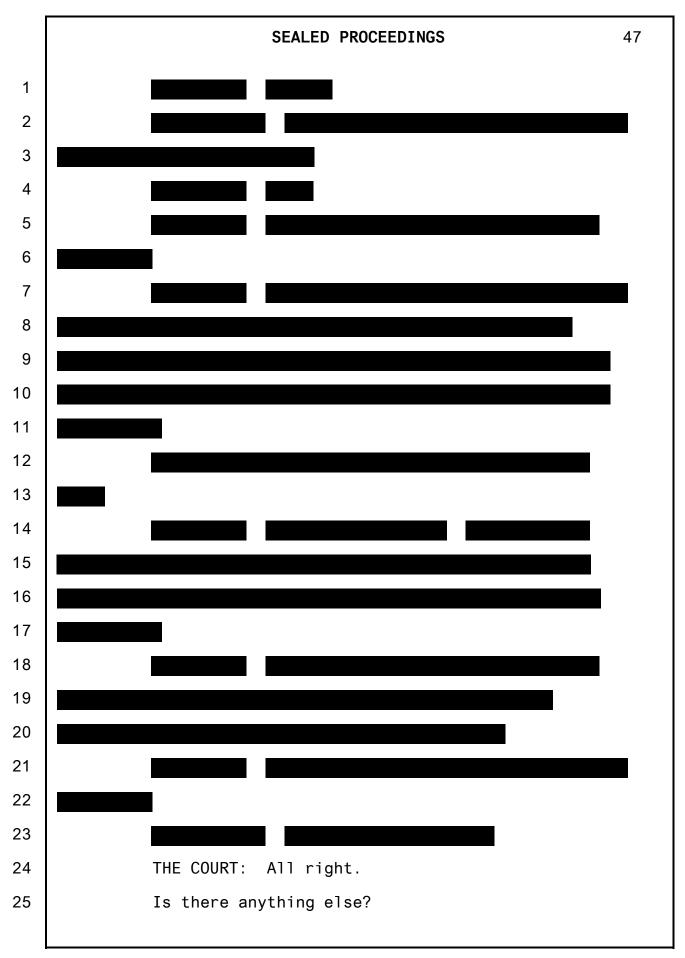
As I refer you to the probation department that we discussed earlier, they will interview you. You have the right to have your attorney present at that interview, and they will prepare a presentence investigation report. You will have an opportunity to review that, comment upon it, object to anything in it.











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1	MR. O'NEILL: No, not at this time.	
2	THE COURT: Okay.	
3	MR. O'NEILL: Thank you, Your Honor.	
4	THE COURT: All right.	
5	Okay. Mr. Leissner, you have to continue to	
6	comply with all of your Pretrial Services's conditions.	
7	0kay?	
8	Then we are adjourned.	
9	MS. KASULIS: Thank you, Your Honor.	
10	MR. O'NEILL: Thank you.	
11	THE COURT: Have a good day everyone.	
12	(Matter concluded.)	
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